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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hubert F. Metzger  
Title: ELECTROPLATING  
APPARATUS USING A  
NON-DISSOLVABLE  
ANODE AND  
ULTRASONIC ENERGY  
Appl. No.: 09/992,205  
Appl. Filing Date: 11/06/2001  
Examiner: Donald R. Valentine  
Art Unit: 1742

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

[ ] Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on \_\_\_\_.

☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_\_ but not considered.

☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_.

☒ Other IDS filed on Nov. 17, 2004.

b. Enclosed are:

☒ Amendment/Reply.

☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

☐ Information Disclosure Statement.

☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of \_\_\_ listed reference(s).

☐ Other .

Miscellaneous:

☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$790.00	= \$790.00
Total Claims:	83	- 81	= 2	x \$50.00	= \$100.00
Independents	9	- 7	= 2	x \$200.00	= \$400.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$360.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					= \$1290.00

- ☐ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	0	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:			\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:	-		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL			\$0.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$1290.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$645.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:			\$645.00
	PREVIOUSLY PAID (on Nov. 17):			\$395.00
	AMOUNT OWED:			\$250.00

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$250.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date January 4, 2005

By 

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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This communication is being filed in conjunction with an RCE filed after allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 18 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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